

REMARKS

The present response cancels claims 17, 18, and 20-27 in conformity with the following remarks. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application at a later date capturing the subject matter recited in claims 17, 18, and 20-27 canceled herein. Claims 1-5 and 7-16 remain pending in the captioned case.

Section 121 Restriction

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants hereby elect Species A, method claims 1-5 and 7-16. Applicants hereby cancel non-elected Species B and C method claims 17, 18, and 20-27.

CONCLUSION

The present amendment and response is believed to be a complete response to the issues raised in the Office Action dated April 15, 2003. If the Examiner has any questions, comments or suggestions, the undersigned earnestly requests a telephone conference.

No fees are required for filing this amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account No. 03-2769/5298-04100.

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